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SUBJ: FIRST COMMITTEE AND PLENARY VOTES KOREAN RESOLUTIONS:

THANKS AND REGRETS

1. WE RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE
TO THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES FOR EITHER THEIR EXTREMELY HELPFUL
CONDUCT DURING THE KOREAN VOTING OR THEIR SURPRISINGLY FAVORABLE
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VOTE:

IVORY COAST - NOT ONLY DID THEY FULLY SUPPORT US ON KOREA BUT IN FIRST COMMITTEE AMB AKE SPOKE UP ON THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION AND TRIED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

NORWAY - ON THE MORNING OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE VOTE, AMB ALGARD, IN RESPONSE TO A LAST MINUTE REQUEST FROM US, AGREED TO SUPPORT OUR MOTION TO BLOCK THE VOTE ON THE HOSTILE RES, EVEN THOUGH HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN ON THE HOSTILE RES.

VENEZUELA - THEY VOTED WITH US ACROSS THE BOARD AND MADE A VERY HELPFUL EXPLANATION OF THEIR VOTE IN FAVOR OF OUR RES. (USUN 5939 NOTAL)

SAUDI ARABIA - AMB BAROODY LIVED UP TO HIS PROMISE TO BE HELPFUL IF WE ACCEPTED HIS AMENDMENT BY SYPPORTING US ON EVERY VOTE AND BY INTERVENING IN FIRST COMMITTEE ON OUR SIDE IN THE PROCEDURAL DEBATE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO VOTE ON THE HOSTILE RES.

AUSTRIA - AMB JANKOWITSCH CAME THROUGH VIRTUALLY ALL THE WAY INCLUDING, CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, VOTE FOR OUR BLOCKING MOTION IN FIRST COMMITTEE. (HE ABSTAINED ON HOSTILE RES.)

CHAD - WE HAD FULL SUPPORT ON ALL VOTES RELATING TO BOTH RESES.

PORTUGAL- SUPPORTED, AS PROMISED, FRIENDLY RES.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FOLLOWING WERE DISAPPOINTMENTS:

NIGER - ALTHOUGH EARLIER IN THE SESSION THE ROK HAD EVEN EXPECTED NIGER TO COSPONSOR OUR RES, IT ENDED UP ABSTAINING ON OUR RES, VOTING FOR THE HOSTILE RES, AND VOTING AGAINST THE BAROODY AMENDMENT AND THE BARBADOS BLOCKING MOTION.

SRI LANKA - WHILE AMB AMERASINGE LIVED UP TO THE LETTER OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS BY ABSTAINING ON THE TWO KOREAN RESES, HE CERTAINLY TRIED TO HELP THE OTHER SIDE AS MUCH AS HE COULD BY INTERVENING IN DEBATE STRONGLY TO ARGUE AGAINST OUR EFFORT TO BLOCK THE HOSTILE RES.

KUWAIT - WHILE KUWAIT'S ACROSS THE BOARD VOTE AGAINST US WAS EXPECTED, KUWAITI AMB BISHARA'S UNHELPFUL EXPLANATION OF HIS VOTE AGAINST OUR RES DID COME SOMEWHAT AS A SURPRISE, PARTICULARLY AS IT ALMOST COINCIDED WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PRESS OF A MAJOR ARMS DEAL BETWEEN US AND KUWAIT. (SEPTTEL)

BOTSWANA - ALTHOUGH WE EXPECTED BOTSWANA TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE HOSTILE RES IN SPITE OF OUR LAST MINUTE EFFORT IN THE CAPITAL, IT SURPRISED US BY VOTING AGAINST OUR RES, THEREBY

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GOING FURTHER THAN NIGERIA, CAMEROON, ZAIRE, GHANA AND EVEN IN FIRST COMMITTEE SIERRA LEONE (A COSPONSOR OF HOSTILE RES), ALL OF WHICH ABSTAINED OUR OUR RES.

SPAIN- SPANISH ABSTENTION IN FIRST COMMITTEE ON ALL KOREAN VOTES EXCEPT ONE IN FAVOR OF OUR RES CAME AS A SHOCK TO US SINCE WE ASSUMED, ON THE BASIS OF MADRID'S 5765, THAT SPAIN WAS SOLIDLY IN OUR CORNER.

THE SPANISH AND FRENCH VOTES ON KOREA WERE LEAST HELPFUL

OF ALL THE WEO VOTES, SINCE BOTH ABSTAINED EVEN ON THE
BAROODY AMENDMENT (EVEN SWEDEN VOTED IN FAVOR OF IT.)
MAURITIUS - ALTHOUGH WE VOTED IN FAVOR OF OUR RES, PERMREP
RAMPHUL GAVE SIGNAL TO OTHER "NONALIGNED" THAT HE DID NOT
SYMPATHIZE WITH IT BY EXPLAINING PRIOR TO VOTE THAT DELEGATES
"REGARDLESS OF THEIR PERSONAL SYMPATHIES" HAD TO FOLLOW
INSTRUCTIONS. HIS VOTE AGAINST BLOCKING ALSO CAME AS
A SURPRISE.

MALAWI - WE WERE DISAPPOINTED BY MALAWI'S DECISION TO
ABSTAIN ON ALL ASPECTS OF KOREAN QUESTION THIS YEAR, IN SPITE
OF ASSURANCE BY MALAWI PERMREP LATE LAST WEEK THAT HE WOULD
AT LEAST VOTE IN FAVOR OF OUR RES AND SUPPORT OUR CLAIM TO
PRIORITYM

SIERRA LEONE - ALTHOUGH A COSPONSOR OF THE HOSTILE RES,
IT ABSTAINED ON OUR RES IN FIRST COMMITTEE WHICH WAS FAVORABLE
SURPRISE THEN SWITCHED TO VOTE AGAINST OUR RES IN PLENARY.
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